FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Our Improvement Agenda

Our school improvement agenda remains focused upon:

Attendance
- Students will attend school 94% of the time or greater

Reading
- 85% of students will attain a ‘C’ Level or better using regional benchmarks; and an increased number of students will achieve in the Upper 2 Bands in NAPLAN Reading

Numeracy
- 20% of students will achieve in the Upper 2 Bands of NAPLAN Numeracy

Student of the Week Awards

Prep A  Izaiah F  Prep B  Elisha R
Prep C  Rayden V  1A  Montanah F
1B  Ekaylah M  1C  Kane R
2A  Mikayla M  2B  Catherine L
2C  Paige T  3A  Libby N
3B  Jackson D  3C  Ethan R
4A  Amelia T  4B  Abbie Z
4C  Ryu E  5A  Paige H
5B  Emily C  6A  Jorja H
6B  Ajay W  Music  Narie M (5B)
PE  Nakita F (4C)

Reading Awards

Reading continues to be our whole school focus. The following students were presented with a reading award on parade today for continuing to read for enjoyment and education.

4A: Breannah F, Emily H, Darneshia L, George N, Aliesha S, Amelia T, Liahah T.
4B: Jessica H, Cyle S.
4C: Tehya H, Preston M, Ethan P.
5A: Destiny H.
5B: Ella A, Tyler H, Parneet K, Narie M, Bethany S, Mitchell W.

Students and staff support ANZAC Day March

55 students and 15 staff attended yesterday’s ANZAC Day March representing Walkervale State School at this important and significant annual event in our community. Our contingent was one of the largest primary school groups and our students looked very smart dressed in their uniforms and black shoes. A special ‘Thank you’ to those parents and carers who made the effort to support their son/daughter attend the march. Thank you to the many staff who also attended the march. It was very positive to see Walkervale State School well represented at this significant community event.

Walkervale Wolves play tomorrow!

Our Walkervale Wolves rugby league team plays Norville State School at 4:15pm tomorrow, Wednesday. This week’s games are being held at Across the Waves rugby league grounds in Thabeban Street. Please come
along to the game and support our boys and girls as they represent Walkervale in this competition.

2016 Cross Country
On Friday 22 April, Students from years 4, 5 & 6 participated in the Walkervale State School Cross Country. This year we had 60 students completing the 2km and 3km circuit. This was a great event to showcase the students’ ability to run long distances and it was good to see all the students encouraging each other to finish the course. Congratulations to Jackson V, Ryan M, Destiny W, Lincoln D, Izak D and Holly S who beat the qualifying times and will represent Walkervale at the Bundaberg Cross country trials held at 4pm at St. Luke’s on Wednesday May 4th.

Winners

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Qualifiers for Bundaberg Trials:
Jackson V
Ryan M
Destiny W
Lincoln D
Izak D
Holly S

NAPLAN 2016 (10-12 May 2016)
The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing will occur over these 3 days in week 5, Term Two (Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May 2016). Students in years 3 and 5 complete the tests over these 3 days.

Students who are absent for one or more tests have an opportunity to ‘catch up’ on Friday 13 May. The data gained from these tests helps us to monitor the progress of our students and at a school level identify areas of strength or in need of additional focus in relation to literacy and numeracy.

Parents/carers may withdraw their son/daughter from the testing program if they have concerns about the testing program. Some students with specific disabilities may be exempted from the testing program or may be withdrawn by their parent/carer.

Please see your child’s class teacher, Ms Veronica Walker (Head of Inclusion) or the Principal/Deputy Principal if you would like further information regarding NAPLAN.

NAPLAN Breakfast
To ensure our students in Yrs 3 and 5 are best prepared for their NAPLAN tests on 11, 12 and 13 May, we will be hosting a breakfast. Cereal, toast and fruit will be available to students to ensure they have a great start to the day.

No Parking in school grounds
Please ensure that you park outside of our school grounds.

There are quite a few parents/carers who are continuing to drive/park within our school grounds, both in the mornings and afternoons.

Only vehicles with permits are permitted within the school grounds.

There are many free parking spots available at 3:05pm in the afternoon, especially in New Street and Crawford Street.
Thank you for parking outside of our school grounds to help ensure the safety of all of our students.

This is an important safety issue. Please help to keep our students safe...park on the street.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting is to be held on Monday 16 May at 3:15pm in the Staff Room. There will be a brief SAFEST Meeting (regarding road safety/parking etc) at the start of this meeting (ie 3:15pm) before the regular General P&C meeting commences. All parents, carers, staff and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Camp Australia providing Before and After School Care and Vacation Care
Camp Australia have started their before /after school care service and student numbers are increasing. We will continue to work closely with Camp Australia to develop and enhance the before/after school care services for our students and their parents and carers.

Information and links have been included on our facebook page. For bookings:

Students preferred names
When students enrol, our student database, OneSchool, automatically uses their legal name as recorded on their birth certificate when documents are developed (ie report cards, reading certificates). Parents/carers can also provide the preferred name for a child when completing enrolment forms.

When report cards and other information is accessed from the OneSchool database, a student’s legal name is used automatically.

If you want your child’s preferred name to be used in documents (ie report cards, reading certificates) please contact the school office so that this change can be made.

Keep up to date with what is happening at school - follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/walkervaless

Spare clothes
From time to time, students may need a change of clothes due to toileting accidents. We do not stock underwear at school so in the case of an accident parents/carers will be called to provide a change of clothes for their child. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Year 6 Senior Shirts
We are expecting Senior Shirts to arrive this week. Payment in full must be made before shirts are distributed.

Chess Club
Term 2 weekly Chess Club lessons with Mr Menham and Mr Bond are on every Wednesday this term until week 10 in the Innovation Centre at First Break.

You are welcome to bring a friend and play a game of chess together.

Word of the Week
Due to no parade, we will not have word of the week for the next 2 weeks. We are looking forward to hearing 2B’s word of the week in week 5. Keep using those awesome vocabulary words.

- collaboration
- determined
- ecstatic
- sorrowful
- indignant
- slumbered
- aspire

- methodical
- content
- devastated
- startled
- oblivious
- pursue

- context
- struggle
- delighted
- enraged
- dodged
- accomplish

- decisive
- harmony
- gloomy
- frustrated
- sensation
**SSP Parent/Carer information sessions.**
When: Thursday afternoon (April 28th) at 2pm
What: We are holding our first information session on SSP (Speech Sounds Pics).

This is the approach to phonics that our school is using. All parents and carers are invited to attend but this will be particularly informative for Prep and year 1 parents. Come along and learn how to better support your child’s reading and writing at home. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

Where: Innovation Centre (The building closest to the Prep and year 1 building)

Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Maddy Lloyd*

**Chappy Chatter**
Monday 16 May is the start of Chappy Week. This is a week in which School Chaplains fundraise to support Chaplaincy services in Bundaberg, and more importantly for our schools. Chappy Week is a time when Chappy’s do some pretty fun stuff. Last year I held a student versus teacher cricket match (The less said about teacher performance the better). It was a great time had by all. This year I have stepped it up. That’s right we are going to take it up another level, in fact, off the ground. This year we are going to “TAPE CHAPPY TO THE WALL”. That’s right. What does this look like, a bit like this!

More information about how this will happen will be provided in the coming weeks. Have a great week everyone.

*Chappy Steve*

**Tuckshop News**
For a healthy tuckshop lunch try a salad tub or spice it up with ham or chicken, even add a boiled egg for something different! This week’s helpers are –

Wednesday 27 April - Dorothy Christensen.
Thursday 28 April – Sheree Bethell.
Friday 29 April – Karen Balcombe and Tash Sherratt.

Thanks, Michelle Eyre (Convenor)

This week Watson has been awarded the most points, followed by Watkin, Walker and then Walsh. Congratulations Watson! Gotchas! are awarded to students who demonstrate our “Keys to Success”.

**Gotcha!**

**Student Banking**
Now is a great time to be involved in student banking! This term we have two new reward items available:
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag

And an even better reason to open a student banking account – those savers who bank 5 times or more from 22 April until 10 June will go in the draw to win a PRIZE PACK!!

**What’s On**

**TRIVIA NIGHT Fundraiser**
FAMILY FUN NIGHT

**TABLES OF 6 - COST $10 PER PLAYER**

**ENJOY A GREAT NIGHT OUT!**

**Trivia, raffles, good company**

**Friday 6th May**

** cozzy[player] [w]www.anojohnhorne.com

**Venue**: Walkervale State School Hall, Bundaberg

**Dinner starts**

6:30pm for 7pm start

**Bar operating**

Beer, wine, snacks, dessert, tea and coffee

**To book**

Come unique [w]info@walkervalestateprimaryschool.com

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**Australian Aid**

**Rotary**

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**STUDENT ABSENCE LINE**

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24HRS DAY / 7 DAYS WEEK
Getting Along